

## **Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Meeting Minutes**

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MARCH 6, 2006 10 AM

WAYNE TWP FD  
700 S HIGH SCHOOL RD  
INDIANAPOLIS IN

A. BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 10 AM.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Paul Covington  
Pat Donoghue  
Joe Wainscott  
Tom Hanify ( 10:10 am)  
Jerry Nulliner  
Derrick Scott (out at 11 am)

ABSENT

Jack Kerney  
Roger Johnson  
Charles Hall

C. MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2006 AND STATISTICAL REPORT FROM  
JANUARY AND FEBRURARY 2006.

Derrick Scott made a motion to approve. Paul Covington seconded. Motion Passed.

D. VARIANCES

1a Doug Thomas of Kokomo Fire Dept is requesting a review and approval for their Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Course taught 2003-2005. Chief Thomas believes that this course meets if not exceeds the requirements of NFPA 1006. This is the course taught for variances 6-105.

Mara Snyder advised the board that they do not need to take any action on this. If they approved this, they might have opened a door that they might want to walk through.  
The board abstained from making a ruling on this variance.

1. Clayton Duncan is requesting a variance for Rope Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75; Rope Rescue Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-96; and Rope Rescue Technician, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97 based on classes by Colorado Mountain School and the Progressive Rescue Solutions.

Staff has no recommendation.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Derrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

2. Kurt Reed is requesting a variance for Trench Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5; Trench Rescue Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-104; and Trench Rescue Technician, 655 IAC 1-2.1-105. Based on classes completed through the Dept of Labor and is a member of the Hazmat Confined space rescue team.

Staff has no recommendation

Derrick Scott made a motion to approve. Joe Wainscott seconded. Motion passed.

3. Steve Stackhouse is requesting variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3; Confined Space Rescue Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-100 and Confined Space Rescue Technician, 655 IAC 1-2.1-101. Request is based on US Air Force rescue and confined space training and I am currently a member of the Hazmat Confined Space team.

Staff has no recommendation

The board needs more information. They would like a clearer copy of the seal on certification. Also, he needs rope rescue. Derrick Scott made a motion to table this request for more information. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

4. Jeffrey Hums is requesting a variance for Rescue Tech Surface Water Rescue, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.1; Safety Officer, 655 IAC 1-2.1-22; Swift Water Rescue Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-106; Trench Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5; and Trench Rescue Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-104, based on documentation enclosed.

Staff has no recommendation

Derrick Scott made a motion to approve the Swift Water Rescue Operations. Jerry Nulliner seconded. Motion passed. More information has been requested on all other requests. Would like to see the curriculum or syllabus on all other requests.

5. Charles Morris is requesting variances for Confined Space Rescue Technician, 655 IAC 1-2.1-101, based on Progressive Rescue Solutions course, Fire Officer Strategy & Tactics, 655 IAC 1-2.1-7.1 based on his master training; and Trench Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5, based on course through R.L. Turner Corporation.

Staff has no recommendation.

Tom Hanify made a motion to table this request until further information can be obtained. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

The following firefighters are requesting variances for Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-98; and Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician, 655 IAC 1-2.1-99, based on curriculum from the course by City of Kokomo.

6. Kevin Witt 7. Robert Gammans  
8. Scott Titus 9. Timothy Laird  
10. Chris Frazier 11. Tom Granson  
12. Von Kirby 13. Brian Coon  
14. Daniel Wilson 15. Jeff Harvey  
16. Jack Mellinger 17. Timothy Grams  
18. James Newburn 19. Kurtis Reed  
20. Scott Schmidt 21. Ryan Smalley  
22. Scott McKay 23. Patrick O'Neill  
24. Steve Stackhouse 25. Robin Hendrix  
26. Gordon Wilber 27. David Lewis  
28. Thomas Abney 29. Paul Edwards  
30. Timothy Lowe 31. Christopher Hall  
32. John Iseminger 33. Clayton Duncan  
34. Jason Braden 35. Mark Miller  
36. Bryan Young 37. Richard Daily  
38. Rickey Myles 39. Jeffery Cardwell  
40. Terry Denton 41. Scott Calhoun  
42. Derek Tuggle 43. Michael Harrison  
44. Ramon Cassis 45. Larry Newell  
46. Ryan Herrell 47. James James  
48. Kevin Cox 49. Randall Wilson  
50. Mark Mannion 51. John Reshaw  
52. Eneidino Rodriguez 53. Stephen Beatty  
54. Jay Price 55. Jeremy Shaw  
56. Adam Shaffer 57. Nicholas Hedrick  
58. David King 59. William Miller Jr.  
60. Brett Leight 61. John Stahl  
62. Andrew Eshelman 63. Christopher Daily  
64. Steven Barnett 65. John Haynes  
66. Eric Kern 67. Daniel Guffey  
68. Michael Westbrook 69. David Kinney  
70. Tracy Laird 71. Frank Kemper Jr.  
72. Nicholas Glover 73. James Dunlap  
74. Patrick Renshaw 75. Jeffrey Cooper  
76. Daniel Smith 77. Arnold Stone Sr.

78. Aaron Ashburn 79. James Schaeffer  
80. Steve Campbell 81. Patrick Fleming  
82. Angelo Liali 83. Jason Eller  
84. Rick Dockerty 85. Nichole Nolder  
86. Raymond Fitzgerald 87. Don Smith Jr.  
88. Jacob Lipinski 89. Christopher Pickering  
90. Jason Burger 91. Craig Louks  
92. Daniel Sargent 93. Phillip Delvecchio  
94. Robert Elkins 95. Chris Linville  
96. Robert Eldridge 97. Charles Smalling  
98. Phillip LaCaille 99. Brad Chaplin  
100. Jeremy Comarela 101. Michael Barrett  
102. Kevin Shaffer 103. Mike Coalburn  
104 Douglas Mygrant 105. Jack Morgan

Staff has no recommendation

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Derrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

106. Joe Kalocinski is requesting variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3, and Confined Space Rescue Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-100, based on training through PSTI in 2001.

Staff has no recommendation.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to table for more information. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed. The board would like to see information on prerequisites.

107. Joel Thacker is requesting variances for the following based on training with Task Force One.

Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.175  
Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96  
Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97  
Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3  
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100  
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101  
Structural Collapse Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1  
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-102  
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-103  
Trench Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1  
Trench Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-104  
Trench Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-105  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-98  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-99

Staff has no recommendation

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve based on Task Force One training. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

108 Joseph Settles is requesting variances for the following based on training with Task Force One.

Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.175  
Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96  
Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97  
Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3  
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100  
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101  
Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1  
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-102  
Structural Collapse Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-103  
Trench Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1  
Trench Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-104  
Trench Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-105  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-98  
Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-99  
Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1  
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106  
Swift Water Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-107

Staff has no recommendation

Derrick Scott made a motion to approve. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

109. Edward King is requesting a variance for the following.

Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3  
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100  
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101  
  
Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75  
Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96  
Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97  
  
Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.4  
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-102  
Structural Collapse Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-103

Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1  
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106  
Swift Water Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-107

Trench Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5  
Trench Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-104  
Trench Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-105

Wilderness Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-108  
Wilderness Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-109  
Wilderness Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-110

Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-.75.2  
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-98  
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-99

This was tabled at the January meeting requesting information on continued education. He had taken the BERT program in 1995.

Staff recommends approval.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

#### E. RECIPROCITY

1. Ronald Patterson is requesting reciprocity for Firefighter 1, 655 IAC 1-2.1-4; Firefighter 2, 655 IAC 1-2.1-5; and Hazardous Material Technician, 655 IAC 1-2.1-2, based on documentation from Texas A&M, and other courses.

Staff recommends denial. We have written/practical testing in place.

Tom Hanify made a motion to deny. Jerry Nulliner seconded. Motion passed.

2. Adam Robinson is requesting reciprocity from Ohio for Firefighter 1, 655 IAC 1-2.1-4; Firefighter 2, 655 IAC 1-2.1-5; Hazmat Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-24; Hazmat Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-24.1; Mandatory, 655 IAC 1-3-1; and Basic Firefighter, 655 IAC 1-2.1-3.

Staff recommends denial. We have written/practical testing in place.

Joe Wainscott made a motion to deny. Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed. He must take the mandatory, and provide IFSAC on all others.

3. Michael Scanlon is requesting reciprocity for the following from Illinois:

Hazardous Material Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-24  
Hazardous Material Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-24.1  
Hazardous Material Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-24.2  
Firefighter 2 655 IAC 1-2.1-5  
Structural Collapse Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1  
Driver Operator Pumper 655 IAC 1-2.1-6

Staff recommends denial on the certifications where written/practical testing in place NO recommendation on Structural Collapse Awareness.

Joe Wainscott made a motion to deny. Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed.

4. Liberty Coryell is requesting reciprocity for the following from the state of Michigan;

Basic Firefighter 655 IAC 1-2.1-3  
Firefighter 1 655 IAC 1-2.1-4  
Firefighter 2 655 IAC 1-2.1-5

Staff recommends denial. We have written/practical testing in place.

Paul Covington made a motion to deny. Tom Hanify seconded Motion passed.

5. Jason Visi is requesting reciprocity for the following from Illinois.

Firefighter 1 655 IAC 1-2.1-4  
Firefighter 2 655 IAC 1-2.1-5  
Hazardous Material Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-24  
Hazardous Material Operations 65 5IAC 1-2.1-24.1  
Instructor I 655 IAC 1-2.1-19  
Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96  
Fire Officer I 655 IAC 1-2.1-8

Staff recommends denial. We have written/practical testing in place. More information on Rope Rescue has been requested.

Tom Hanify made a motion to deny. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

#### F. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – ROGER JOHNSON

No report at this time.

#### G. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING DIVISION REPORT- DIRECTOR JOSEPH WAINSCOTT.

At the board request, IDHS has been actively investigating complaints, involving alleged instructor misconduct. We received a letter of complaint about 3 instructors from French Lick FD. The letter alleged that James Wininger, Barry Wininger, and Myron Weaver, falsified their instructor in-service training hours. When they learned of our investigation, all three instructors sent us a letter surrendering their instructor certificates and apologizing for their actions. Unless the board determines, more action is warranted, we will consider this matter closed. ) The consensus was that the surrender of their instructor credentials was sufficient.)

The board has previously discussed the problems that stem from proctors who did not return the tests on time and caused the invalidation of tests. I asked Mr. Pagano to investigate such an incident involving proctor Derrick Schmidt. Mr. Pagano sent the letter by two methods, one through the standard US mail, and the other being certified mail, return receipt requested. The certified copy was not picked up at the post office, and we have received no response from Schmidt on the other. It is my recommendation that to maintain the integrity of the fire testing system, discipline should be considered.

Paul Covington made a motion that Derrick Schmidt's Instructor 1, 2 and 3 should be suspended for a period of 1 year. Jerry Nulliner seconded this motion. Motion passed. IDHS certification section will notify Schmidt by mail

The board was provided a draft matrix on the seven technical rescue specialties and twenty-one certifications derived from the NFPA 1670 standards. The matrix also outlined the breakdown on prerequisites of the technical rescue certification levels. This outlined the technical rescue committee's draft recommendations which will be presented in full to the board for consideration later this summer.

IDHS training is taking applications to form two ad hoc committees. One committee will be tasked with looking at the current list of fire certifications and make recommendations to the board as to maintaining, revising, or eliminating any existing certification as well as adding any new ones. The second committee will be reviewing the most recent reference books used for the various Indiana fire certifications and making a list of recommended texts. This list will help guide the question validation and give instructors the ability to know which terminology will be used for test questions. IDHS Training is adding a page to the test book to solicit student feedback on the instructor of the course and the test itself. If there is a problem with a test question, the student will be instructed to write it on the back of the answer sheet along with any other comments they would like to include.

#### H. REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION CHIEF REPORT – TONY PAGANO.

We are knocking out certifications just as fast as we can. The test requests have increased tremendously this year. So far, we have issued over 1400 certifications. This is in just 2 months.

On the firefighters applications we are going to start asking for Drivers Licenses number or State ID number. We are going to stop asking for SS #. We are going to be asking for several other new items on the firefighter applications. Dealing with NIMS, willingness to help in an emergency, etc.



## I. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS – ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, JUDGE TEEGARDEN.

No report at this time.

## J. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. PROPOSED CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- \* Practicals must be completed within 90 days of the conclusion of the course. Must be in office with the written test. Practical skills for FF ½, must be 100% completed. No longer just 4 skills.
- \* Course requests 30 day notice versus 15 days notice. It's been approved for 30 days notice for course notification.
- \* Indiana instructor update test must be a 70% passing. There are no restrictions on this test as far as number of questions, or an open book test.
- \* Proctor must remain in the testing room at all times, or under observation, monitored, etc. Mara will work on wording.
- \* No oral examinations will be permitted.

## K. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. LSA #06-37 – Mara Snyder

Amends the NIMS rule to fire personnel.

## L. MEETING ADJOURNED.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 10, 2006

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